



Duane L. Jeanotte, M.S.

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Duane L. Jeanotte, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and native of Belcourt, North Dakota, was selected in August 2000 as Deputy Director for Health Policy for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. In this position, Mr. Jeanotte is responsible for ensuring that the Agency has sound financial and business strategies to meet the changing needs in Indian health care management. He is actively involved in Medicare and Medicaid issues and rate negotiations that affect agency, tribal, and urban health programs, as well as pursuing means to identify and maximize alternative sources of public and private funding for Indian health care.

Mr. Jeanotte began his career with the IHS in 1974 as a Health Projects Coordinator for the Billings Area Office. He subsequently held various positions of increasing responsibility, including Service Unit Director positions for the IHS programs on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation at Box Elder, Mont., and the Crow Agency Indian Hospital at Crow Agency, Mont. Mr. Jeanotte also served for 8 months during 1993 as acting Deputy Director of the IHS at the Headquarters office in Rockville. In 1986, Mr. Jeanotte was selected as Director of the IHS Billings Area, where he managed a varied health care program that provided medical care to more than 65,000 American Indians on seven reservations in the state of Montana and one in the state of Wyoming. Facilities ranged from full service hospitals on the Blackfeet, Crow, and Fort Belknap reservations, to smaller service units and health centers. The Billings Area also contributed to the support of five urban health programs.

Mr. Jeanotte has lead several special projects and initiatives for the IHS and participated in a number of important IHS advisory and planning groups, such as the IHS Executive Review Board, the Information Systems Advisory Council, and the IHS Business Plan Workgroup, which developed the first agency business plan in 1997.

A graduate of Mayville State College in Mayville, North Dakota, Mr. Jeanotte holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting/education, and a master of science degree in health administration from the University of Colorado. He received a postgraduate certificate from the University of Washington in Seattle and completed government management studies at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1987.

In 1999 Mr. Jeanotte was the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award. These awards are presented annually to top federal managers for extended, exceptional performance in the federal government. Among Mr. Jeanotte's other honors are exemplary performance awards, an IHS medallion, and a Public Health Service Unit Citation for sustained delivery of high quality service at the Crow Service Unit. Other tributes include service citations from the Chippewa-Cree and Blackfeet Tribes, and an award for service to American Indians from the National Indian Health Board.